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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Information Disclosure Statement***

1. In the Miscellaneous Communications mailed out 6/17/04, the Examiner did not properly initial all references that were considered in the information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 3/29/04, which was filed after the mailing date of the Final Office Action on 11/10/03. Accordingly, a properly signed and initialed copy of the above IDS is being submitted to the Applicant. The Examiner regrets any inconvenience this may have caused.

### ***Conclusion***

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Arnel C. Lavarias whose telephone number is 571-272-2315. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30 AM - 5 PM EST.

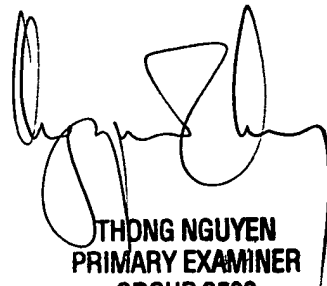
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Drew Dunn can be reached on 571-272-2312. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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